

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Yukihiro ARAKI  
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Examiner: Tianjie Chen  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.